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SOURCE: Members of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection. The group has provided useful reports since 1961.

- 1. Summary. This report contains information on alliances among, and splits within, some of the Cuban emigre organizations as they exist in December 1966.
- 2. Field Comment. Two organizations which have emerged as dominant groups in the emigre community are the Novimiento Insurrectional de Recuperacion Revolucionarin (MIRR, Insurrectional Hovement for Revolutionary Recovery), headed by Orlando Bosch Avila, and the Representacion Cutana en el Exilio (RECE, Cuban Representation in Exile), headed by Ernesto Freyre Varona. Most of the action-type organizations are now associated with one of those groups.
- 3. As of December 1966 the following organizations are associated with the MIRR:
 - a. One faction of Comandos L (CL).
 - b. The alliance of the Segundo Frente Nacional del Escambray (SFNE, Second National Front of the Escambray) and Alpha-66. This alliance has a nutual assistance agreement with the MIRR-CL alliance, although no formal pact has been signed.
 - c. The Movimiento de Recuperación Revolucionaria Cubana (MRRC, Cuban Revolutionary Recovery Movement).
 - d. The Comite de Ayuda a la Resistencia (CAR, Committee for the Aid to the Resistance).
- 4. The SFNE-Alpha-66 alliance, in turn, has pacts with the Now York branches of the following organizations, in addition to having a branch of their organization in New York:

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- a. One faction of the Movimiento Revolucionario 30 de Novimbre (MRTN, 30 November Revolutionary Movement)
- b. MRRC

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- c. Rescate Democratico Revolucionario (RDR, Revolutionary Pemocratic Rescue).
- 5. The groups listed below are associated with the Coordination de Fuerzas (CF, Coordination of Forces), an alliance fermed by the initiative of the Representacion Cubana en el Exilio (RECE, Cuban Representation in Exile):
 - a. One faction of the CL
 - b. One faction of the MRTN
 - c. Movimiento Democrata Cristiano (MDC, Christian Democratic Movement).
- 6. The CL is split into two factions.
 - a. The faction which is allied with the MIRR is headed by Jose A. Rajoy, and is composed of the majority of the action-type members of the original organization.
 - b. The faction which is affiliated with the CF is headed by Ramon Font Sallell. This faction has a larger number of the members of the original organization, but fewer of the action type. A significant number of the newbers of this faction are adherents of Fulgencic Batista Laldivar, former President of Cuba.

Each faction controls part of the equipment which belonged to the original organization.

- 6. The MRTN is split into three factions.
 - a. The faction which is allied with the SFNE is located in New York, and is headed by Hiram Gonzalez Herrers. Although this group has few members, it is the test organized of the three factions. The main activity of this group is to collect money for the SFNE.
 - b. The faction which is associated with the CF is disorganized, beset with internal dissension, and has few members. Since early summer 1966, two leaders of this faction have resigned because of internal problems, first Miguel Isa Fresneda, then his successor, Luis Moreno Alvarez. Raul Horta is now the leader of this faction, which is expected to maintain its association with the CF.
 - c. The third faction, which is called the Frank Pais
 Revolutionary Movement (MRFP), is actually a phantom
 organization. Arturo Gonzalez Gonzalez, the leader,
 uses the name of this group in an effort to create the
 impression that he has a position of leadership in the
 emigre community. This faction is not known to be
 connected with any other organization, although at one
 time it was associated with the Alianza Revolucionaria
 Democratica (ARD, Democratic Revolutionary Alliance).

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- 1. Source Compent. In early November Prayre said that he approved of the affiliation of the SFNE, Alpha-88 and CAR, with the MIRR. He said that the existence of only two action groups, those headed by RECE and MIRR, would facilitate the coordination of plans for action against Cuba.
- Field Comment. Articles is the Missi Herald in December, which reported the detention in Maiti of five Cuban emigres, referred to this alliance as the Cubah Coordinating Committee (CCC), and stated that it was composed of RECE, CL, MRTM, Asociacion Veteranes de Bahia de Cochinos (Brigada 2508) AVEC, Association of Veterans of the Bay of Pigs (Brigade 2508) 7, and Los Pinos Nuevos (PN, New Pinos).

Another source who has many close associates who are members of emigre activist organizations, reported that the Asociacion de Arquitectos Cubanos en el Exilio (AACE, Association of Cuban Architects in Exile), and Municipio de Cardenas (Cardenas Municipality), a chapter of the Cuban Municipalities in Exile. (MCE) are also associated with the CV.

The 10 December issue of Diario las Americas CARRied a paid political announcement which stated that the Terminos Municipales Independientes (Cubanos) (TMI, Independent Municipal Districts) is being formed by emigres who had resigned from the MCE.

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- MC's association with the CF has not been approveded publicly.
- Isa is no longer active in emigre organizations. devotes his time to directing and administering a school for dental technicians.

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SOURCE

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On 8 May 1966 Orlando Bosch Avila, leader of the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR, Insurrectional Movement for Revolutionary Recovery), said that between 9 and 15 May the MIRR will attack a Soviet vessel on the high seas. He had a picture of a boat about 26 feet long which he said would be used in the attack.

- Field Comment: Two recent reports from the same source gave information which may relate to the plan. One report mentioned a MIRR plan which would involve the United States in a "serious way", for which the MIRR needed a 28-foot high-speed launch. The other reported that a planned attack on a vessel was aborted when the MIRR boat encountered difficulties after it was under way, but that another attempt would be made to carry out the operation.
- Source Comment: The name and registration number of the boat was not visible in the photograph. A man with a recoilless cannon was aboard the boat. The date and place where the photograph was taken is not known.

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Field Comment. The MIRR has for some time been planning to attack vessels of nations which trade with Cuba. Besides sabotage on vessels in ports, members of the MIRR have discussed plans to attack vessels on the high seas; some plans included the use of aircraft as well as boats.

- 1. On 28 April 1966 Orlando Bosch Avila, leader of the Movimiento Insurrectional de Recuperación Revolucionaria (MIRR, Insurrectional Movement for Revolutionary Recovery), said that 20 men were located in various ports in the United States and Latin America with orders to place explosives, which they bave, on vessels of nations which trade with Cuba. One of the have, on vessels of nations which trade with Cuba. best men is in Costa Rica, and the first act of sabotage against a vessel may occur there. He said that the men are in touch with labor leaders at the ports where they are located.
- According to Bosch, he has received a vote of confidence from members of the MIRR to be solely responsible for the planning and execution of the sabotage of ships which will be carried out by these men. Only he can identify the men and their locations, and he is the only person who is in touch with them. He said that not even the executive committee of the MIRR knows the identities of the men.
- Bosch said that one plan of the MIRR to attack a vessel on the high seas which was engaged in Cuban trade failed when the

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MIRR boat encountered difficulties after it was under way, and was forced to return to its point of departure, but that another attempt will be made soon. He said that the United States Government authorities will be unable to prevent this attack because the MIRR boat is outside of the United States.

4. Bosch commented that there will be no picketing when he goes on trial. However, if the verdict is not favorable, he will then arrange street demonstrations and pickets.

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- The MIRR publicly claimed credit for the attack on the SATRUSTEGUI, a Spanish vessel, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 9 October 1965.
- 2. An article on Bosch, written by Carlos Martinez of the Latin American Staff of the Miami Herald, was published in that newspaper on 1 May. The article reports on the militant activities of Bosch and the MIRR which violate U. S. laws. Bosch is facing three separate trials in a two-week period beginning on 19 May. The charges pending against him include: conspiring to export arms to Cuba, extertion, and illegal transportation and possession of explosives. Bosch is quoted as saying that "we have a right to work for Cuba here or anywhere in the world."

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- On 20 April 1966 Ramon Donestevez Dominguez expressed a desire to meet Orlando Bosch Avila, leader of the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR, Insurrectional Movement for Revolutionary Recovery). He planned to ask Bosch to arrange to have members of the MIRR picket in Miami on 5 May when he Donestevez, was scheduled to be tried on charges pending against him for his activities which had resulted in the confiscation of one of his boats. In return, Donestevez said he will introduce Bosch to American investors who can assist Bosch financially in his activities against Cuba.
- Donestevez said that his association with Bosch must be kept secret, but that it is an advantage to be friendly with an action group such as the MIRR.
- On 28 April Bosch said that he was very interested in meeting with Donestevez and being introduced to American investors who might be willing to lend money to the MIRR. He said that he was also considering having Donestevez build a boat for the MIRR.

Field Comments:

Donestevez has been involved in negotiating for the re-lease of political prisoners in Cuba, and he has travelled to Cuba for that purpose. (Cf. CSDB-312/01128-66 and related reports.) He has a factory which manufactures fiberglass boats at 2215 West Nineth Avenue, Hialeah.

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